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Hired Workers Down 8 Percent in Delta Region

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There were 33,000 hired workers on farms in the Delta region (Arkansas Louisiana, and Mississippi) during the week of October 11-17, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their workers an average wage of \$9.50 per hour during the October reference week, up 7 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average \$8.86 per hour, up 35 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned 9.16 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 38.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 10 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor: Hired Workers and Wage Rates, United States, October 11-17, 2009, with comparisons

Farm Employment	October 12-18, 2008	July 12-18, 2009	October 11-17, 2009
	1,000		
Hired Workers	804	875	807
150 Days or More	577	609 *	585
149 Days or Less	227	266 *	222
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	316	381 *	285
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,120	1,256 *	1,092
	Hours per Week		
Hours Worked			
Hired	41.4	39.7 *	39.0
	Dollars per Hour		
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{1 2}	10.70	10.66 *	10.91
Type or Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	10.09	10.04	10.24
Field	10.05	10.04	10.25
Livestock	10.21	10.05 *	10.23

* Revised.

¹ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

² Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, October 12-18, 2008, and October 11-17, 2009**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009
Dollars per Hour								
Northeast II	9.67	10.28	9.24	9.50	9.57	10.05	10.25	10.88
Appalachian I	9.55	8.67	9.62	9.15	9.57	8.85	10.20	9.55
Appalachian II	9.22	9.85	9.82	10.38	9.45	10.10	10.32	11.05
Southeast	9.04	8.87	9.44	9.33	9.12	9.00	9.52	9.53
Florida	8.90	9.30	9.30	10.10	8.95	9.40	10.09	10.65
Cornbelt I	10.31	11.30	10.05	10.51	10.25	11.00	10.60	11.17
Delta	8.51	8.86	8.83	9.16	8.60	8.95	8.90	9.50
Southern Plains	9.44	9.17	9.58	10.64	9.50	9.85	10.10	10.17
Mountain II	9.35	11.01	10.13	11.70	9.70	11.25	10.53	11.55
Pacific	10.94	11.07	10.54	10.42	10.90	11.00	11.37	11.82
California	9.95	10.25	11.90	11.05	10.22	10.40	10.93	11.25
Hawaii	11.00	11.55	13.00	13.40	11.21	11.69	13.24	13.60
United States ¹	10.05	10.25	10.21	10.23	10.09	10.24	10.70	10.91

¹ Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region and United States,
October 12-18, 2008, and October 11-17, 2009**

United States and Region	Hired						Number of Hours Worked	
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed					
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 12-18, 2008	Oct 11-17, 2009
1,000								
Hours per Week								
Appalachian I	37	41	28	21	9	10	38.3	37.1
Appalachian II	23	24	13	14	10	10	35.1	37.1
Southeast	31	32	23	23	8	9	39.3	35.0
Florida	38	46	32	41	6	5	39.7	38.6
Lake	66	67	42	46	24	21	36.2	38.0
Delta	36	33	26	26	10	7	42.4	38.0
Southern Plains	60	56	43	44	17	12	36.7	39.0
United States ¹	804	807	577	585	227	222	41.4	39.0

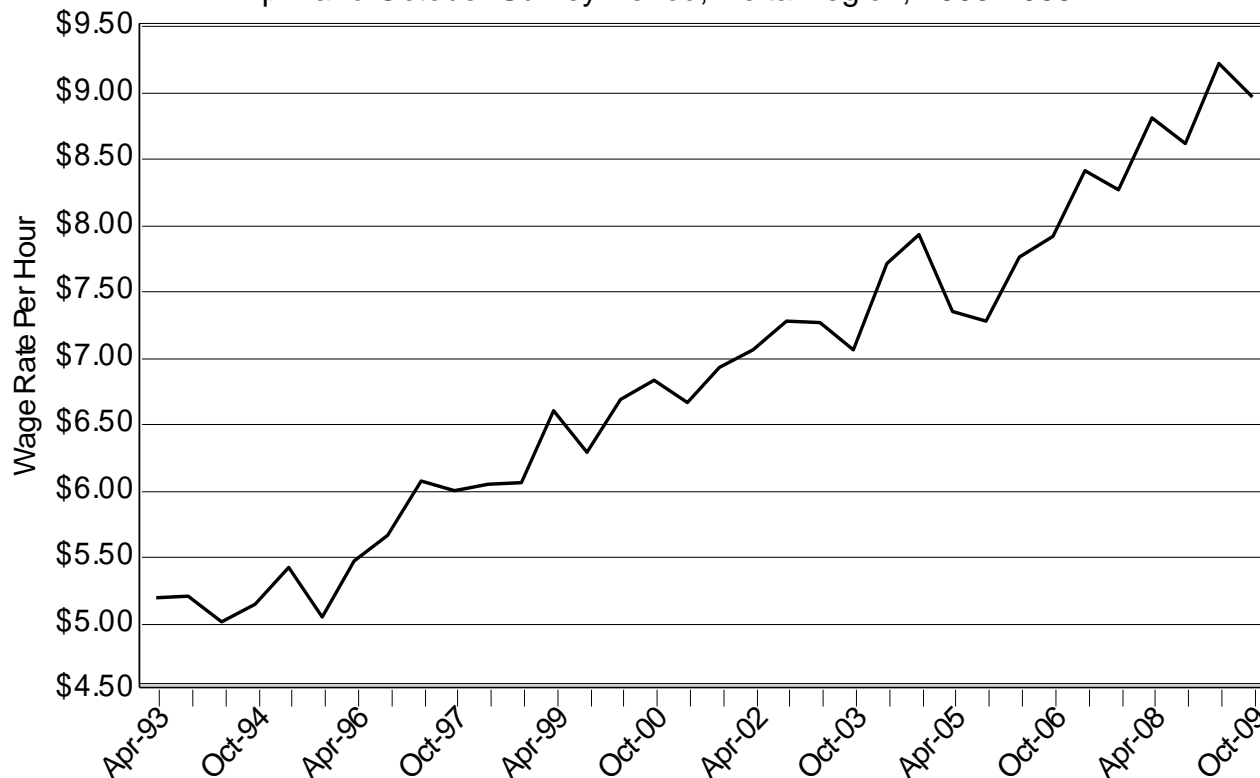
¹ Excludes Alaska.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Corn Belt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Lake – MI, MN, WI; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Pacific – OR, WA.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters), as of November 15,
Crop Years 2006-2009 by Crop, State and United States**

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2006	2007	2008	2009
All Cotton				
Alabama	444,100	278,550	300,000	111,250
Arizona	171,150	181,050	125,700	155,500
Arkansas	1,824,750	1,625,400	1,130,450	435,650
California	522,350	573,050	312,700	288,100
Florida	71,950	61,000	67,150	22,100
Georgia	1,066,900	644,150	761,450	526,250
Louisiana	1,096,900	671,300	265,200	231,950
Mississippi	1,940,800	1,220,950	565,500	233,950
Missouri	555,550	727,150	576,200	226,650
New Mexico	16,800	16,800	12,700	17,250
North Carolina	690,650	598,750	440,600	395,950
Oklahoma	72,150	120,800	85,050	66,000
South Carolina	174,250	98,200	127,700	109,750
Tennessee	789,650	577,550	477,300	219,550
Texas	2,322,400	2,635,050	1,485,950	1,868,550
Virginia	72,100	68,750	66,650	53,850
United States	11,832,450	10,098,500	6,800,300	4,962,300

**Wage Rates: Field and Livestock Workers,
April and October Survey Period, Delta Region, 1993-2009**



Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, November 1, 2008-2009

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	10,193	10,575	104	5,205	4,567	88
East North Central	11,028	11,467	104	6,539	7,230	111
West North Central	25,608	25,013	98	7,920	7,542	95
South Atlantic	218,175	215,733	99	4,231	4,007	95
South Central	296,927	292,966	99	5,565	4,125	74
West	23,179	21,089	91	4,346	7,303	168
United States	585,110	576,843	99	33,806	34,774	103

October Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	9,314	9,184	34	30	147	149
Arkansas	12,584	11,966	91	83	170	161
Florida	10,005	9,721	217	230	6	5
Georgia	18,008	17,163	214	209	169	168
Mississippi	6,280	5,603	38	35	91	82
North Carolina	11,940	12,680	120	137	129	127
South Carolina	4,367	4,686	69	78	23	23
Virginia	2,906	3,215	29	33	30	36
United States	334,937	335,674	6,538	6,633	1,088	1,060

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations; data included in US totals.

October Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	During October			January-October		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	104,853	101,641	97	1,144,662	1,068,181	93
Arkansas	87,436	81,474	93	969,241	863,977	89
Florida	4,435	4,349	98	48,839	36,743	75
Georgia	113,259	110,177	97	1,216,743	1,150,277	95
Mississippi	63,338	63,303	100	683,537	659,719	97
North Carolina	64,547	62,738	97	695,698	671,992	97
South Carolina	18,998	19,532	103	195,500	198,319	101
Virginia	22,043	22,126	100	226,274	222,460	98
United States	740,964	728,909	98	7,971,301	7,603,562	95

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, October 2008-2009

Item ¹	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,830	2,830	1.71	1.59	131	165
Fillets	3,723	3,495	3.31	3.19	468	445
Other	713	685	1.73	1.64	143	62
Total Fresh	7,266	7,010	2.53	2.39	742	672
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,595	783	2.28	2.22	743	483
Fillets	8,274	7,989	2.99	2.92	10,481	8,820
Other	3,986	3,698	1.54	1.54	2,597	2,285
Total Frozen	13,855	12,470	2.49	2.47	13,821	11,588
Total Fresh & Frozen	21,121	19,480	2.51	2.44	14,563	12,260

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Received by Producers by Major Processors, 2008-2009

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2008	2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	45,992	36,406	45,992	36,406	0.658	0.810
February	47,634	37,702	93,626	74,108	0.688	0.770
March	47,908	44,912	141,534	119,020	0.743	0.773
April	45,018	40,768	186,552	159,788	0.757	0.763
May	44,326	39,925	230,878	199,713	0.776	0.762
June	43,265	39,370	274,143	239,083	0.794	0.763
July	42,583	40,966	316,726	280,049	0.818	0.771
August	40,985	39,490	357,711	319,539	0.827	0.769
September	39,057	36,408	396,768	355,947	0.827	0.772
October	43,344	40,191	440,112	396,138	0.825	0.768
November	36,869		476,981		0.823	
December	32,616		509,597		0.821	

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish,
Mississippi and United States, 2008-2009**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	825	782	95	3,316	4,455	134
February	1,462	2,147	147	5,182	7,034	136
March	6,590	6,336	96	16,491	18,927	115
April	18,222	12,628	69	38,143	31,621	83
May	42,292	26,165	62	81,333	57,843	71
June	63,735	45,116	71	120,833	93,389	77
July	65,177	49,001	75	124,571	104,060	84
August	58,766	53,148	90	114,866	107,840	94
September	54,664	41,091	75	107,400	82,125	76
October	26,948	17,762	66	58,811	38,828	66
November	4,566			14,404		
December	419			4,263		

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,
Mississippi and United States, 2008-2009**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	41	41	100	293	254	87
February	49	73	149	238	268	113
March	212	460	217	482	927	192
April	488	855	175	986	1,116	113
May	699	1,477	211	1,392	1,774	127
June	1,169	2,688	230	1,755	3,191	182
July	2,425	3,445	142	3,078	4,209	137
August	1,923	4,479	233	2,857	5,453	191
September	1,109	2,796	252	1,935	3,513	182
October	575	952	166	749	1,358	181
November	120			360		
December				43		

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2008-2009

Month	Imports ¹				Exports ¹			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total ²		Fresh		Frozen	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Pounds								
January	2,944	2,344	9,666	9,819	134.6	87.0	23.1	0.0
February	2,575	1,225	9,603	6,527	71.6	65.1	0.0	0.0
March	2,040	972	7,884	8,942	106.3	65.1	11.9	50.6
April	3,040	1,364	10,492	8,548	72.3	47.5	1.2	12.8
May	2,864	1,659	10,151	11,592	57.0	79.1	0.0	14.2
June	1,758	1,088	11,299	10,577	71.0	63.8	10.9	21.4
July	1,202	1,849	8,674	10,765	52.1	68.6	14.6	20.5
August	1,315	1,210	6,994	11,711	62.9	91.8	12.0	12.4
September	987	1,385	6,462	12,541	62.6	50.6	3.5	17.7
October	579		7,188		74.6		8.0	
November	1,374		6,198		122.6		1.2	
December	2,425		7,817		74.4		7.3	

¹ Data furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

² Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., Pangasius spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States,
October 2009 with Comparisons

State	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2009 as Percent of ²	
				October 2008	September 2009
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	1.9	2.2	2.0	111	94
Arkansas	5.8	5.5	4.8	83	88
Florida	9.3	8.7	9.9	107	114
Georgia	14.8	10.1	11.3	76	111
Louisiana	0.7	0.5	0.5	75	96
Mississippi	1.6	2.0	2.4	151	117
Missouri	152.2	148.9	151.2	99	102
Oklahoma	103.8	97.5	98.8	95	101
Tennessee	24.7	22.0	24.0	97	109
Texas	453.9	428.7	424.7	94	99
Virginia	43.2	42.9	46.7	108	109
West Virginia	1.2	1.0	1.2	98	124
United States	4,529.3 [*]	4,261.9 [*]	4,391.1	97	103

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, October 2009 with Comparisons

Item	Unit	October 2008 ¹	September 2008 ¹	October 2009 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars per Pound	0.588	0.550	0.526
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	578	225	NA
Rice All				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	18.10	14.20	15.30
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	14,787	11,804	NA
Rice, Long				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	16.80	12.70	12.30
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	10,702	9,470	NA
Rice, Medium & Short				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	21.60	20.40	21.90
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	4,085	2,334	NA

¹ Entire month.

² Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

³ Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States – AL, AZ, AR, CA, GA, LA, MS, NC, TN, and TX.

⁴ Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.